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Attorney General Jim Hood
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Re: Death Investigation

Dear Jim:

I am in need of your help, again. There is a case here in Meridian that needs to be presented to a Grand Jury, and I feel that our office has a conflict of interest that has been created by the deceased's family.

Christian Andrecchio died of a gunshot wound to the head a few years ago. The death was originally investigated by the Meridian Police Department who ruled that the death was the result of a suicide. The case was then investigated by Trent Weaks and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations who also ruled that the case was a suicide. Danny Welch, from your office, was also involved in the investigation, and should be knowledgeable of the facts of the case.

Christian's family never accepted the suicide findings, and feel that Christian was murdered. They have gone as far as hiring private investigators, doctors, and other experts, from around the country, in an effort to prove that this wasn't a suicide.

There are a number of reasons that our office should not handle the presentation of this case to a Grand Jury: 1) The family has expressed the opinion that The Meridian Police Department, and I are trying to cover up or protect someone who they think killed Christian, 2) I coached Christian in soccer when he was a young man, and became acquainted with the family during that time, 3) Christian's mother was my son's Nurse Practitioner at Psychology Associates. Hayes made the comment to her that he knew Christian didn't kill himself. Hayes meant that as a consoling comment. But, she used that comment to say that my son knows something, and I'm covering it up to protect someone, 4) Christian's grandfather is our Justice Court Judge who we have to work with on occasion, and 5) I'm attaching a letter that Christian's mother wrote to the

Meridian Police Department questioning my integrity in dealing with this case. Because of all these things, there is no way the family will ever be satisfied if the Grand Jury returns the suicide opinion if the case is presented by my office.

General, I have worked on this case as hard as any I've ever had. My relationship with Christian made me want to be sure that every rock was upturned. I have read the file over and over, I have talked to MPD and MBI investigators, I have talked to the Pathologist and first responders, and have even driven all the way to Jacksonville, FL. to talk to private investigators that had been hired by the family. All of my efforts still show that this was a suicide. It's frustrating that the family doesn't trust me, but that is a fact that isn't going to change.

My request is that you ask Danny Welch or some other investigator to review our file. And, that you appoint Stanley, or some other attorney, to present the case to a Grand Jury here in Meridian.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Yours truly:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bilbo Mitchell".

Bilbo Mitchell
District Attorney
Tenth Circuit

Bratu,

I spoke with the apartment manager at Willow Ridge this morning. She was very nice and helpful. She indicated she had not spoken to you in "months" and did not know of any form the City had been asked to sign in order for luminol testing to be conducted. Actually she asked if Mr. Knox could call her and she would be happy to assist in gaining access to the apartment. So we are moving forward with this. I do not know what you hoped to gain by allowing us to believe that there were barriers to having the luminol test conducted or the fact that this is just another occasion of dishonesty by you and the MPD. Todd spoke with Bilbo last week and Bilbo indicated it is *you* that is pressing for the case to be presented as tampering with evidence and for it to be presented to grand jury in August. We told him that was not what we had been told by you. I do

not know which one of you is being more dishonest in your handling of this case. Both of you appear to have something to hide. We are going to request that Bilbo hold off on presenting the case due to the pending luminol testing and also we have hired an investigator to interview people that your department and/or MBI refused to question or if you did "question" them it was over the phone and very rudimental.

I have written the Southern Districts attorney for DOJ regarding the very real possibility of corruption within the justice system in Meridian. I will continue to write him and other officials until I find someone that will listen to the obvious mishandling of this case by multiple entities. And the question that remains is why? Who are you trying to allow to get away with murder?

Rae

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Bratu = Meridian Police Investigator
Todd = Christian's Father
Rae = Christian's Mom